

Dalserf News — March 2021

Our vision - For every child to be confident as individuals, both socially and academically.

Dear Parents/Carers

It is wonderful to have all the children back at school full-time and together with their peers again. We are all crossing our fingers that the experience will not need to be repeated.

I would like to take this opportunity to say some thanks. First of all, to staff who have worked tirelessly in providing learning and support for pupils since January. I received lots of positive messages from parents thanking staff for their efforts as it was recognised that they went above the 'call of duty' to support learners and families. This includes our Support Staff and Facilities Staff too. Secondly, a thank you to yourselves as parents/carers for trying your best to support your child. I understand how difficult the remote learning period was for a lot of families who may have also been trying to juggle their own working commitments and/ or life in general under lockdown conditions. Your patience and support were vital. And last of all, a thank you to our pupils who have really been quite remarkable in dealing with everything over the last year. We will continue to support all pupils to adjust back to school-life in the weeks ahead.

As we now near the Spring break, I hope the drier weather continues (warmer would be nice too) to allow children and families to enjoy the outdoors some more.

Kind regards,
Nicola Thomas



To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 4th March pupils had the opportunity to participate in a virtual book catch organised by Mrs Robb. This catch video was fantastic and was available on your child's Google Classroom for all to view. We continue to promote a reading culture in school by reading for enjoyment every day in class, whether silently or being read to by the class teacher.

You should all have received a phone call by your child's class teacher reporting on their progress. A written report will be provided in June as usual.

If for any reason you have missed this call please contact the school office to arrange a more convenient time.

Easter Time

Thank you to our Parent Council who have purchased an Easter egg for every child in the school for them to enjoy over the holidays. I'd also like to thank them for their £50 donation towards our Easter craft activities which will be completed in class and the fun results sent home.



Gym shoes

Please ask your child to bring their gym shoes home next Thursday for you to check the condition of them and if they still fit.

Teachers endeavour to send them home when they notice them starting to look worn out, however I think all pupils have taken a stretch over the remote learning period so it is best for them all to be sent home for you to see.



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Aim High... Always Try!

Breakfast Club

Our school breakfast club will resume on Monday 19th April and will operate from 8.15-8.45am each day Monday— Friday.

It would be helpful if you could let the school office know before the holidays if your child/children will use this free service and roughly how many days e.g all week, 3 days. This will help the cook in charge with her orders.

This is not a register and if you change your mind at any point and wish to then send your child to breakfast club then please do so. It is merely a guide for our initial numbers. You do not need to inform the school about what days your child will attend.

Mr Muir will open the P1-3 gate at 8.15am for all children to access the breakfast club. Your child should walk round to the gym hall door where a member of Support Staff will be. Mr Muir will not be at the crossing area until his usual time of 8.45am. There will be no Support Staff at the gate/ playground until 8.45am. You cannot walk your child beyond the school gate. It is imperative that parents/carers adhere to this.

The breakfast menu will consist of toast or Weetabix with milk, milk or water and a selection of fresh fruit.

I recommend that your child comes to breakfast club prior to 8.30am to allow them time to eat their meal.

Children will sit in their normal dinner hall seats—this is one of our risk assessed measures. They will also apply hand sanitizer upon entering the gym hall.

At 8.45am children will then enter the playground, supervised by Support Staff as usual.

This April we are celebrating 10 years of Dalsersf Primary School being in our new building. The staff who were present in the 'old' Dalsersf and moved to the 'new' building have said it feels like only last year! To celebrate this event, we are asking that pupils come dressed down (not their best clothes however) and we are planning the day based on the number 10! We will have decorations and balloons up to help with the celebrations. We have not had any school fundraising activities for over a year now, to that end I'd like to ask if children could donate 10 coins (any value) or the equivalent donation via Parent Pay.



This will be the only school-led fundraiser this year. It will help to cover the expenses from Christmas parties, Easter crafts etc.



The school will close at 2.30pm next Thursday for the Spring break.

School Lunches

The cost of a school lunch for those in P4-7 has to increase from the 26th April to £1.95.

The provision of free school dinners for P1-3 remains unchanged.